

Aviator News

OCTOBER 2011 **Lights, Camera - Take Action!** VOLUME 8, NO. 2

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PTA Membership Drive
Aug. 22 - Oct. 7

Oct. 6
School Picture Day
(Students do NOT have to wear a uniform, but they must adhere to the MPS dress code)

Oct. 10
Teacher Work Day
(No school)

Oct. 11
Spirit Night - Jason's Deli

Oct. 18
Spirit Night - Burger King on Chantilly

Oct. 20
Fall Festival
(Rain date Oct. 27)

Oct. 26
Spirit Night
Nancy's Italian Ice

Blount Elementary Holiday Market

Blount's 2nd Annual Holiday Market will be held on **November 17**. Last year more than 30 vendors were on hand to help our parents with their holiday shopping. If you are interested in having a booth to sell products and/or services please contact Holly Harris at 334-549-6235 or HollyRaeHarris@gmail.com. Booth rental fee is \$50.

Greetings Blount Family!

I would like to thank everyone for your part in making our first full month of school a success! Things have begun to slow down, and we are settling into a comfortable routine. I can't tell you how excited I am at what promises to be another great year at Blount!

The children are eager to learn and have gotten off to a great start. I would like to congratulate the teachers and students on the results of last year's assessment data. Their scores were great thanks to our wonderful Blount staff and family! Please see on the right the assessment data for 2010 - 2011 below.

Mona Green
Blount Elementary Principal

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills)

Kindergarten	97%
Grade 1	88%
Grade 2	93%
Grade 3	92%

ARMT (Alabama Reading and Math Test)

	Reading	Math
Grade 3	96%	93%
Grade 4	94%	82%
Grade 5	92%	94%
Grade 6	99%	98%

ASA (Alabama Science Assessment)

Grade 5	94%
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Community Spirit CORNER

Family Promise Drive

The **4th and 5th graders** will be collecting gently used items for homeless families in need. These families come to Family Promise for different reasons; an eviction, a job loss, a family break up, or a home fire or natural disaster, but they are all going through a very difficult time. Family Promise of Montgomery works with faith houses and community organizations to help these families transition from homelessness to stability and independence.

Needs: Blankets, coats and jackets, luggage, and school supplies (monetary donations are also welcomed)

Collection dates/times: **October 7 – October 14** in the yellow box by the front office; or on Thurs., Oct.13 & Fri., Oct. 14 in morning carpool.

For more information, contact Jennifer Lancaster at community_spirit@blountpta.org.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Adopt-A-Troop:** November project led by 2nd and 3rd graders.
- **Christmas Teddy Bear Drive:** December (all grades)
- **Humane Society:** February project led by K and 1st graders.

SAVE THE DATE!
Tue, Nov 8th
6:30pm
PTA Pizza Party
for the whole family!
Watch for information and an order form to be sent home with signed papers on Oct 20th

A few of our favorite things...

We surveyed our teachers to find out their favorite things! Next month, we'll share our the favorites of our specialists and staff!

GR	Teacher	Bday	Hobbies	Movies	Books	Candy	Drinks	Ice Cream	Restaurants
K	McDevitt	5/9	Cooking, Children's Lit, Traveling	Sound of Music	Pride and Prejudice	Gummy Bears	Cherry Coke, Unsweet Tea	Italian Ice	Bonefish
K	Miller	2/23	Beach, Cleaning, Running	Comedy	Money Management, Informative	Snickers	Diet Green Tea	Yogurt	Myako, Japanese
K	Myrick	2/20	Shopping, Cooking, Pampering Myself	Remember the Titans		Snickers, Twix, M&M's	Diet Coke, Caramel Frappucino	California Yogurt Craze	Olive Garden, Applebee's, Chili's
K	Waggoner	6/2	Traveling, Reading, Shopping, Decorating	Comedy, Romance, Action	Historical Fiction	Any Dark Chocolate	Coffee	Any Frozen Yogurt	Mexican, Bonefish
1st	Harrison								
1st	Stevens	4/3	Flea Markets, Thrift Stores, Sewing, Gardening	Romantic Comedies	Spiritual	Anything with caramel	Tea	Blue Bell Country Vanilla	Ixtapa
1st	Taylor, K	8/27	Reading, Beach, Family & Friend Time	Comedy, Action	Author: Mary K. Andrews	Reese's, Snickers	Coke, Diet Dr. Pepper	Chocolate	Bonefish, Ixtapa
1st	Thomas	7/23	Yard Sales	Comedy	Inspirational	Chocolate Chip Cookies	Diet Coke	Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough	Ixtapa
1st	Wright	9/3	Photography, Reading, Family	Steel Magnolias, Sound of Music	Redeeming Love	Peppermint Patty	Diet Coke, Diet Green Tea	Vanilla Greek Yogurt	Chappy's, Bonefish
2nd	Barlow								
2nd	Culp	5/21	Family Time	Comedies	Karen Kingsbury	Laffy Taffy	Dr. Pepper		The Pub
2nd	Henderson	6/20	Cooking, Reading, Traveling	Remember the Titans	Any	Twix, Snickers	Starbuck's	32 Degrees Yogart Bar, California Yogurt Craze	Applebee's, Chili's, Red Robin
2nd	Martinez		Old Movies, Lake	Sound of Music, Romantic Comedies	The Help	Twix, Snickers, Fire Balls	Diet Dr. Pepper	Chocolate Mint	La Zona Rosa
2nd	Tubbs	4/7	Quilting, Reading, Cooking, Canoeing, Biking, Birding, Traveling	Human Interest, some comedy	Travel Essays, Nature	Prefer nuts	Any Starbuck's	Bryer's Coffee Ice Cream	La Zona Rosa, Saigon Bistro
3rd	Deloney	8/8	Decorating, gardening, movies	any	any	Reeses	Diet Coke or Skinny vanilla Latte	Fancy Nancy	Bonefish
3rd	Holtam	10/31	Running, Sewing, Reading	Romantic Comedies	Suspense	Dark Chocolate, Reese's Cups	Coffee	Chocolate Trinity from Publix	Bonefish Grill, Miyako's
3rd	Lee	2/22	Church, Sports, Family	Dramas	Christian	Milky Way	Water, Dr. Pepper	Vanilla	Olive Garden
3rd	Thornhill	2/18	Gardening, Decorating, Swimming, Family	Harry Potters		Taffy	Diet Coke	Rocky Road	Olive Garden, Five Guys
4th	Chappell	7/22	Shopping (Dilliard's & Hobby Lobby)	Family, Suspense	Authors: Karen Kingsbury, Terri Stockton	Butterscotch	Diet Coke	Cookies & Cream	Sommers Grill, Eastside Grill, Tipico de Mexico
4th	Gates	9/5	Reading	Comedy	Legal, Mysteries	Reese's	Mocha Frappe - Starbucks or McDonald's	Nancy's Italian Ice	Sommer's Place, Panera Bread
4th	Huffman	11/9	Reading, Baking, Entertaining, Walking	Romantic, Old Classics, Comedies	Inspirational	Butterfinger, anything with chocolate, caramel and nuts	Coke	Vanilla, Chocolate or Cookies and Cream	
5th	Brewer	6/29	Painting, Reading	Romantic Comedy	Fiction, Romance, Lighthearted	Chocolate	Coffee, Diet Coke	ALL	Jubilee Seafood
5th	Dotherow	9/10	Quilting, Traveling, Reading		Most but Horror, Book: The Source	Hershey's Kisses	Arnold Palmer (1/2 Tea & 1/2 Lemonade)	Java Chip Cappucino	Jubilee, Ixtapa
5th	Hampton	7/12	Reading, Singing, TV, Family	Horror, Suspense	Christian Material	Trying to give it up!	Gatorade		Ixtapa, Red Lobster
5th	McTier	12/22	Reading, Shopping, Walking	Comdies, Family Oriented	Daily Devotionals	Tootsie Rolls, Laffy Taffy, 100 Calorie Fudge Dipped Pretzels	Welch's Fruit Punch, McDonald's Strawberry Lemonade	Vanilla, Strawberry	Carabba's, Outback, Red Lobster, Wintzell's, Panera Bread

FALL FESTIVAL is back!!!

Many thanks to our sponsors*!

Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. *Rain Date Oct. 27*

Get ready for inflatables, games, the cake walk and horse rides! Concessions will be sold, so plan to eat dinner at the festival with your family. This event is a tradition at our school and a fun, family experience for everyone. Bring your neighbors and friends and help us celebrate our school!

Did you miss it last year? Are you glad it's back? Then go ahead — sign up for your volunteer shift, buy your wristbands and help us make this our most successful Fall Festival ever! Wristbands cost \$10 for children (ages 3 & up) and \$1 for adults. The deadline to preorder wristbands is Oct. 13. If purchased at the gate, student wristbands will be \$15 and adult wristbands \$2.

GOLD
Bell Road Dentistry
Deer Creek
Destin Roofing
Landscape Source

BRONZE
Sarris' at the Station
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*Sponsors as of 9/29/2011

Just Give EXTENDED to Nov. 1!

Our Just Give Campaign has been extended! There were two things parents have asked to do to ensure the success of this campaign. First, we were asked if we could extend it to give our families more time to contribute. Because of this we have extended our deadline to Nov. 1. And second, we were asked if we could find a way to include grandparents and extended families in the campaign. **Below is a form you can share with your extended family to participate in the fundraiser.** Feel free to make copies for grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncle and anyone else you think would like to help support our school. You may also download a PDF to email to family members as well from our web site at www.blountpta.org.

More than \$15,000 has been contributed so far, and we are SO grateful to those of you who have participated! But to reach our goal of \$25,000 we need support from every family who has the ability to participate. In the past we've sold cookie dough, gift wrap and even chicken fingers! At least 40 to 50 percent of money given

during a product fundraiser goes back to the supplier, not the school! **With Just Give, we keep 100 percent of the money at Blount to provide valuable supplies and services to our teachers and students.**

Our initial packet included the PTA budget as well as an explanation of what we spend your money on for the school! This is still available on our web site at www.blountpta.org.

In the area of technology, the biggest need identified by the school is new computers for the students to use in the classrooms! Many of the computers currently in use are outdated and overused. At the conclusion of our campaign **WHEN** we have reached our goal, we will be able to buy new computers for our children to use in their classes. How many we can buy depends largely on how successful this fundraiser is.

If you have questions feel free to email Jeannine Morton-Brown, PTA VP of Fundraising, at fundraising@blountpta.org.

FRIENDS & FAMILY YES! I want to Just Give!

Donor Name

Student's Name

Grade/Teacher

Address, City, State & Zip

Email address

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100

Other Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Blount Elementary PTA. All donations are tax deductible. Checks may be sent with students or mailed directly to the school at 1650 Ray Thorington Road, Montgomery, AL 36117.

September Box Top Collection Winner! Mrs. Culp's Second Grade Class



OCTOBER CHALLENGE

Bring in as many Box Tops as you can.

Enlist your grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends to help as well.

*In October, the **student** who submits the Box Top from the **farthest distance away** from our school will win a \$15 Wal-Mart Gift Card! Here is how to win: If someone sends you Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Coke Rewards, or Tyson Points, from a distant location, have your parents include the child's name, city, state, and zip code it was sent from and your child's teacher on a slip of paper attached to the baggie/envelope!*

All breakfast choices are in green and are served with grits and either milk or juice.

Students - \$0.75 Guests - \$1.50

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Lunchroom Phone No. 244-0249
Menu may change based on availability

Lunch served with fruit and choice of milk.

Students - \$1.60 Guests - \$2.75
Fruit Roll-Ups - \$0.50

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit Taco Salad or Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub, Roasted Potatoes Blackeye Peas, Fresh Apples	French Toast & Scrambled Eggs Oven Fried Chicken/ WG Roll or Sloppy Joe on Bun Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Salad, Mixed Fruit	Hashbrowns & Sausage Link Baked Pork Chop w/Roll or Chicken Filet Sandwich Rice w/Gravy, Buttered Carrots Spinach Salad, Sliced Pears	Breakfast Bagel! Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread or Beef Hot Dog, French Fries Italian Green Beans, Tossed Romaine Salad, Bananas	Oatmeal & Blueberry Muffin Fish Sandwich or Steak Nuggets, Parsley Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cole Slaw Cantaloupe
10	11	12	13	14
FAIR DAY (no school!)	Chicken Biscuit & Scrambled Eggs Spaghetti w/Bread Stick or Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fried Okra, Blackeye Peas Romaine Salad, Frozen Fruit Bar	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Fajita Wrap or Beefaroni w/WG Roll, Sweet Potatoes Green Beans, Salad, Grapes	Waffle Stix & 2 Chicken Stix Pizza or Chicken Nuggets w/Roll French Fries, Mixed Vegetables Salad, Honey Dew Melon	Mini Pancakes & Sausage Patty Cod Nuggets w/ Hushpuppies or, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit Choice
17	18	19	20	21
Ham w/WG Biscuit Turkey Roast w/ WG Roll or Cheeseburger, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Pinto Beans Romaine Salad, Peaches	Steak Biscuit Meatloaf w/ Cornbread or Baked Corn Dog, Turnip Greens W.K. Corn, Tossed Romaine Salad, Golden Apples	Sausage w/WG Biscuit Baked Chicken w/ WG Roll or Pizza, Corn Nuggets Broccoli, Garden Spinach Salad Orange Wedges	Eggs & Cheese Croissant Turkey Tetrazzini or Beef Hot Dog, Squash, Carrots, Tossed Romaine Salad Bananas	Breakfast Burrito Chicken Stir Fry w/ Roll or Catfish w/ Hushpuppies Rice, Onion Rings, Cole Slaw Mixed Fruit
24	25	26	27	28
Sausage Biscuit & Gravy Beef Vegetable Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Chicken Nuggets w/Roll Lima Beans, Sweet Potato Fries Salad, Fruit Choice	Mini Pancakes & Smoked Sausage Chicken Quesadilla w/ Salsa or Sloppy Joe, Steamed Broccoli Baked Beans, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Mixed Fruit	Oatmeal & Apple Muffin Beef Tips w/Cornbread or Baked Corn Dog, Turnip Greens California Vegetables, Tossed Salad w/Spinach, Cantaloupe	Cheese Grits, Bacon & Toast Baked Ham w/Roll or Grilled Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans Salad, Bananas, Cookie	Breakfast Pizza Pizza or Tuna Salad on WW Wrap, Roasted Potatoes Green Peas, Salad, Yogurt Fresh Fruit Choice
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Mini Pancakes & Smoked Sausage Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Roll or Deli Ham Sandwich, Stir Fry Vegetables, Buttered Carrots Salad w/Romaine, Fruit Choice	Math Store needs donations! Students in grades 1-6 earn points using the Math Facts in a Flash software! Four times a year the students will be awarded "Blount Bucks" for their points and get to shop at the Math Store! The store needs donations including sports items, kid-friendly jewelry, toys, stickers, etc. Please bring donations to the office. You may also donate gift cards to stores and prizes will be bought!		NEW ABSENCE POLICY!!! HELP OUR TEACHERS! If your child is sick and you know they will be absent, please email your teacher ASAP or call the office and let them know. A new MPS policy requires that teachers take VALUABLE teaching time out of their day to call the parents of students who are absent. If you send an email or call the school, they do not have to call you!	

A big thank you to our newsletter sponsor!

Sarris' at the Station Grill & Bar

Now open at 9593 Vaughn Rd. in the old Crockmiers location

serving lunch M-F from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and dinner M-F 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Open Saturday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The Sarris Family invites you to make their table your table!

